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IMMEDIATE  
O 081956Z MAR 81  
FM JCS WASHINGTON DC  
INFO RUEADWD/CSA WASHINGTON DC  
RUENAAA/CNO WASHINGTON DC  
RUEAHQA/CSAF WASHINGTON DC  
O P 081730Z MAR 81

FM USCINCSO QUARRY HEIGHTS PN //SCJ3//  
TO RUEKJCS/JCS WASHINGTON DC //J3-JOD/NMCC//  
RULPAKA/CDR 193DINF BDE FT CLAYTON PN //AFZU-DPT//  
RULPAFA/USAFSO HOWARD AFB PN //CC//  
RULPAFA/24COMPW HOWARD AFB PN //RCC-DO-MA//  
RUCLAKA/CMDT USAIM FT BRAGG NC //ATSU-SATMO//  
INFO RUESLM/USDAO LIMA PE  
RUESQI/USDAO QUITO EC  
RUESUZ/USDAO BRASILIA BR  
RUESBA/USDAO BUENOS AIRES AR  
RUEHJP/USDAO PANAMA CITY PN  
RUESGY/AMCONGEN GUAYAQUIL EC  
RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC  
RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHINGTON DC //ISA-DSAA//  
RUESUZ/AMEMBASSY BRASILIA BR  
RUESBA/AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES AR  
RUEHJP/AMEMBASSY PANAMA CITY PN  
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SUBJ: SUSPENSION OF SAR EFFORTS IN ECUADOR(U)

1. (C) SEARCH EFFORTS TO LOCATE THE DOWNED U.S. ARMY UH-1H HELICOPTER  
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AND ITS THREE MAN CREW WILL BE SUSPENDED 101700Z MAR 81 PENDING  
RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. THE HELICOPTER, U.S. ARMY NO.21711  
SUBJECT: SUSPENSION OF SAR EFFORTS IN ECUADOR (U)

(C) SEARCH EFFORTS TO LOCATE THE DOWNED U.S. ARMY UH-1H HELICOPTER  
WITH PILOT [REDACTED] BOTH

FROM THE 193D INF BDE, AND CREW CHIEF, [REDACTED] 7TH  
SFG FT BRAGG, N.C., WAS LOST 171216Z FEB 81 IN THE VICINITY OF  
YANGANA, ECUADOR, APPROX 25 MILES SSE OF LOJA, ECUADOR

2. (C) THE SEARCH AREA (CENTER COORDINATES 04 DEGREES, 28 MINUTES,  
SOUTH, 79 DEGREES, 11 MINUTES, WEST) HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF AN  
EXHAUSTIVE AND THOROUGH SEARCH EFFORT. ALL POTENTIAL TARGET AREAS  
REPORTED BY IR AND AERIAL VISUAL SIGHTING OF SUSPECTED AREAS HAVE  
BEEN INVESTIGATED BY GROUND PARTIES, A SUMMARY OF SORTIES AND FLIGHT  
HOURS FOLLOWS:

A. (C) USAF C-130E	12 SORTIES	66.1 HOURS
B. (C) USAF UH-1N	61 SORTIES	69.5 HOURS
C. (C) US ARMY UH-1H	31 SORTIES	45.7 HOURS
D. (C) EC ALOUETTE	31 SORTIES	42.0 HOURS
E. (C) USAF HC-130H	6 SORTIES	42.8 HOURS
F. (C) EC TWIN OTTER	13 SORTIES	28.0 HOURS
G. (C) EC UH-1N	13 SORTIES	21.4 HOURS
H. (C) USAF AC-130H	5 SORTIES	22.2 HOURS
I. (C) AMEMBASSY C-12	1 SORTIE	1.5 HOURS

TOTAL AREA SEARCHED: 3,890 SQUARE MILES.

3. (C) AIRCRAFT OPERATING IN SUPPORT OF THE ATTACHE OBSERVER  
MISSION AND ECUADORIAN AIRCRAFT WILL CONTINUE TO BE ALERT FOR ANY  
SIGHTINGS OF DOWNED AIRCRAFT. USSOUTHCOM WILL FOLLOW UP ANY ADDI  
TIONAL LEADS THAT MAY DEVELOP.

4. (U) REQUEST RCC SUSPEND THE SEARCH EFFORTS EFFECTIVE 101700Z  
MAR 81 PENDING RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

5. (C) REQUEST 193D INF BDE COORDINATE NOTIFICATION NOK OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] OF THE SEARCH EFFORT SUSPENSION THROUGH

APPROPRIATE SERVICE CHANNELS PRIOR TO 092359Z MAR 81. ADDITIONALLY,  
REQUEST INFORMATION CONTAINED IN PARA 3 BE PASSED TO NOK. NOTIFY  
USCINCSO WHEN ACCOMPLISHED.

6. (C) REQUEST CMDT USAIMA NOTIFY NOK OF [REDACTED] OF THE SEARCH  
EFFORT SUSPENSION THROUGH APPROPRIATE SERVICE CHANNELS PRIOR TO  
092359Z MAR 81. ADDITIONALLY REQUEST INFORMATION CONTAINED IN PARA  
3 BE PASSED TO NOK. NOTIFY USCINCSO WHEN ACCOMPLISHED.

7. (C) REQUEST NO PAO COVERAGE UNTIL SUSPENSION OF SAR EFFORT IS  
IN EFFECT.

DECL 31 DEC 81

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ACTION AOC /DAMO ELEMENT/(1)  
INFO DACS(7) DAMO(12) SASA(2) AOC-DAMI WATCH(1)  
SCB REVIEW(1)

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